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SUBJECT: OCTOPUS FISHING

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE IS POUCHING A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE WORLD OCTOPUS MARKET BASED ON THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. THE INFORMATION WAS PREPARED FOR SENATOR STEVENS OF ALASKA WHO HAS A CONSTITUENT INTERESTED IN OCTOPUS FISHING OFF ALASKA AND POSSIBLE EXPORT MARKETS. A COPY OF THE LETTER TO SENATOR STEVENS IS BEING POUCHED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDRESSEE POSTS. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DATA FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS.

A) DETAILED INFORMATION ON PRICES, BY SIZE, SPECIES, AND COMMODITY (FRESH, FROZEN, CANNED, ETC.), IF READILY AVAILABLE. NMFS NOTES THAT OCTOPUS IS SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT PRICE FLUCTUATIONS. ANY AVAILABLE DATA INDICAT-

ING EXTENT OF SUCH FLUCTUATIONS AND ANY SEASONAL PATTERN
WOULD BE OF INTEREST.

B) ANY READILY AVAILABLE ESTIMATES OF CURRENT LOCAL
CONSUMPTION AND FUTURE DEMAND FOR OCTOPUS.

C) NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COMPANIES INTERESTED IN
IMPORTING OCTOPUS.

2. FOR MADRID ONLY. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON THE SPANISH OCTOPUS FISHERY WOULD BE HELPFUL.

A) 1974-1976 CATCH (BY AREA) AND EXPORTS (BY COUNTRY OF
DESTINATION).

B) NMFS NOTES THAT THE SPANISH OCTOPUS CATCH INCREASED
OFF WEST AFRICA BETWEEN 1970-1974 DESPITE EXTENDED
JURISDICTION OF COASTAL STATES THERE. CATCH DATA REQUEST-
ED IS NEEDED TO ASSESS PRESENT STATUS OF SPANISH OCTOPUS
FISHERY. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT SPANISH FISHING OFF
MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA HAS RECENTLY BEEN RESTRICTED.
ANY RECENT DETAILS WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST.

3. FOR TOKYO ONLY. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DATA ON THE
JAPANESE OCTOPUS FISHERY WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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A) THE 1976 OR PRELIMINARY 1977 CATCH DATA (BY REGION).

B) 1975 AND 1976 DATA ON JAPANESE OCTOPUS IMPORTS BY
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. VANCE

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